

BOOK REVIEWS

BLACKWELL, WILL H. 1990. **Poisonous and medicinal plants.** 329 pp. Illus. Price unknown. Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. Illustrations are by Thomas J. Cobbe with Chapter 5 (Poisonous and Medicinal Fungi) by Martha J. Powell.

The combination of medicinal and poisonous plants within the same volume is a natural one stemming from the beginning of man's knowledge of plants. Since poisons are medicinal and medicines are poisonous, it is merely the dosage and the sensitivity of an individual human being that determines the desired result. This is an excellent book for the classroom, reference, or just interesting reading.

WESTERN, DAVID AND MARY PEARL (Editors). 1989. **Conservation for the Twenty-first Century.** 365 pp. Hardbound. \$36.95. Oxford University Press, 2001 Evans Road, Cary, NC 27513.

The proceedings of the conference "Conservation 2100: A Fairfield Osborn Symposium" are published in this volume. Thirty-two contributors have published articles pertaining to the following topics: I. Tomorrow's World; II. The Biology of Conservation; III. Conservation Management; IV. Conservation Realities; V. An Agenda for the Future.

The text covers a broad spectrum of facts and ideas from an international and global viewpoint. It is recommended for all persons interested in any aspect of our future on this planet.